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HIS Excellency the Governor directs the publication, for general information, of the following reply from His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to the numerous Addresses of Sympathy from different parts of the Colony. It is hoped that the reply which His Royal Highness has been graciously pleased to make will be accepted in the case of each of those Addresses.

E. W. STAFFORD.

Government House,
Sydney, April 6, 1868.

I DESIRE to return my warm thanks for the expression of sympathy which these Addresses contain.

Through the merciful interposition of Providence, the injury I received was but slight, and I believe no

further evil consequences are to be anticipated from the wound. It has, however, been considered that I shall be unequal to any great exertion for some time, and therefore decided that it would be most advisable for me to return home direct. It is a great disappointment for me not to be able to visit New Zealand, and I am afraid it will also very much disappoint the people there.

The cowardly act of one individual has not, in any degree, shaken my confidence in the loyalty of the people of these Colonies towards the throne and person of Her Majesty, or in their affection for myself; and I shall gladly convey to the Queen the universal expression of horror and indignation which the attempt to assassinate me has called forth from Her Majesty's faithful subjects in Australia and New Zealand.

ALFRED.

